

To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Beaver county.

of Beaver  
THE PETITION of Thomas Birk a native of Ireland respectfully  
sheweth: That he declared on oath before the Prothonotary of the court of  
Common Pleas of said county on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of August 1856 that it was bona fide  
his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity  
to any prince, potentate, state or sovereignty whatever, and particularly to the Queen of Great  
Britain of whom he was at that time a Subject; that your petitioner has resided  
within the United States upwards of five years, and in the state of Pennsylvania one year, both periods  
immediately preceding this his application to become a citizen of the United States; and that he has  
never borne any hereditary title, or been of any of the orders of nobility in his own or any other country.

He therefore prays that, on his making the proof and taking the oath prescribed by law, he may be  
admitted a citizen of the United States of America. And he will ever pray, &c.

Thomas McGreevy  
Attorney at Law

Thomas Burke

~~Thomas McGreevy~~ a citizen of the United States, being duly sworn  
according to law, saith that he knows and is well acquainted with Thomas Birk,  
the petitioner; that to his knowledge he has resided in the United States five years, and in the state of  
Pennsylvania one year, both periods immediately preceding his application to become a citizen; that  
during the said period of five years, he has behaved as a person of good moral character, attached to  
principles of the constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the  
same.

Sworn in open court,

Thos. McGreevy

McGreevy

Prothonotary.

I, Thomas Birk do swear that the contents of my petition  
are true; that I will support the constitution of the United States; and I now renounce and relinquish  
any title or order of nobility to which am now or hereafter may be entitled; and I do absolutely  
and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state or  
sovereignty whatever, and particularly to the Queen of Great Britain of wh  
I was before a Subject

Sworn in open court this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 1857

Thomas Burke  
Prothonotary.